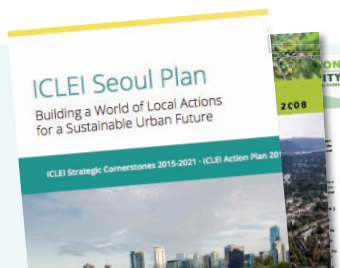




ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

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2015 marks ICLEI's 25th anniversary. Since its creation in 1990, ICLEI has grown to become the world's leading network of over 1,000 local governments committed to building a sustainable future. ICLEI Members include local and regional governments of all sizes, from municipalities, towns, cities and counties to mega-cities, prefectures, provinces, regions and city-states.

What We Do

We connect leaders

- As an Association, we prepare our Members for the future. "Local Action" drives our work.
- We motivate for support and implementation, connect leaders within strategic alliances, establish partnerships, engage innovators, scientists and researchers, facilitate the united voice of forward-looking local and regional governments, and represent local initiatives in multi-level governance processes for sustainable development.
- ICLEI brings its global membership network into contact with locally anchored political leaders, skilled government officials, local practitioners, and a team of experts and staff with strong technical backgrounds and international experience working with and in cities.

We accelerate action

- ICLEI is a large and global Movement of Members working together within numerous projects, programs, campaigns, networks, partnerships, and alliances for sustainability.
- We support this movement of action-and implementation oriented cities through commitment processes, performance frameworks, programs, international exchange, thematic networks, strategic alliances and centers of excellence - a movement informing and setting standards in sustainability.
- Through the ICLEI movement, the capacities of our Members to implement bold and innovative solutions are endorsed, potential sources of financing are unlocked, and conditions for action are improved.



We offer a gateway to solutions

- As an agency, ICLEI strengthens the capacity of our Members to identify and implement effective solutions.
- We provide advanced knowledge, and enhance the capacities of local leaders, planners and implementers.
- Through partnerships with science, research and innovation hubs, we advance new methodologies and technologies, explore and address urban development theory through action research and knowledge platforms, and seek, test, and share urban sustainability solutions.
- We seek sustainable finance solutions to enable scaled implementation for urban innovation, and demonstrate creativity and excellence in developing innovative methods and tools. We serve as the gateway to solutions for local sustainability.
- We are a new generation non-profit organization which is at once global **in scope and impact, yet local in implementation and contextualization.**

Our mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability, with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions.

ICLEI's 10 Urban Agendas

- Sustainable City - ICLEI's overarching goal is the creation of Sustainable Cities. Sustainable cities work towards an environmentally, socially, and economically healthy and resilient habitat for existing populations, without compromising the ability of future generations to experience the same.
- Resilient City - A resilient city is prepared to absorb and recover from any shock or stress while maintaining its essential functions, structures, and identity, adapting and thriving in the face of continual change.
- EcoMobile City - An EcoMobile city fulfills its objective of creating a more livable and accessible city by utilizing sustainable urban mobility principles to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption, improvements to air quality, and increased mobility opportunities for all citizens.
- BiodiverCity - Biodiverse cities understand that a diverse natural world is the foundation of human existence, as it is necessary for both survival and quality of life.
- Sustainable City-Region Cooperation - City-region cooperation builds the conditions necessary to advance sustainability on the local, regional and sub-national level.
- Resource-efficient and Productive City - Resource-efficient cities - often called Eco-Cities - ensure that

their socio-economic development is significantly decoupled from resource exploitation and ecological impacts. Productive cities go beyond improving the efficiency of current or future urban systems, including new cities or new urban developments, with the aim of becoming net productive systems in ecological, economic and social terms.

- Low-carbon City - A low-carbon city recognizes its responsibility to act. It pursues a step-by-step approach towards carbon neutrality, urban resilience and energy security, supporting an active green economy and stable green infrastructure.
- Smart City - A smart city has embedded "smartness" into its operations, and is guided by the overarching goal of becoming more sustainable and resilient.
- Sustainable Local Economy and Procurement - A sustainable local economy improves human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and natural resource scarcity.
- Healthy, Happy and Inclusive City - Happy, healthy and inclusive communities look beyond GDP as the primary indicator for development, choosing to prioritize health and happiness for all.

What We Offer



ICLEI offers local and subnational governments from around the world support and access to: networking and peer exchange opportunities at congresses and through thematic networks, alliances and programs; a solid knowledge and contact bank of good practices, experts and solution providers; institutional capacity building and technical consulting on innovative technical, organizational, financial and social solutions; information on and standards for sustainability, coupled with practical frameworks, methodologies and tools; and global advocacy services that aim for the appropriate recognition, engagement and empowerment of local governments as governmental stakeholders in the global efforts.

Join our Network

Becoming a part of the ICLEI Network is more than becoming a Member or a Partner. It is about joining a committed network of local governments from across the country and around the world, learning from one another and sharing resources to accelerate success – and to create more vibrant and sustainable communities together.

5 reasons to join ICLEI

Get connected - Be part of the leading global association on sustainability! Get connected with the most ambitious and committed cities around the globe advocating for a sustainable future.

Get informed - Get ahead with the latest news, tools and opportunities on sustainability! ICLEI publishes diverse tools to help Members with their work. We also feature the outstanding work of our Members through media releases, case studies and newsletters.

Get expert advice - ICLEI Members gain from the broad knowledge and expertise within the ICLEI Network. Gain advantage through our training and consultancy services for developing overall local sustainability strategies.

Get engaged - Join around 1000 other cities and take part in the ground breaking programs and campaigns! ICLEI Members not only have the opportunity to participate in ICLEI's international campaigns and projects but also enjoy the opportunity to play a role in the design and pilot phases of these.

Get together - Participate in over 50 international events that ICLEI hosts annually! ICLEI provides participating city leaders with ongoing opportunities to connect through high level partner events, meetings and committees.

Contact Us

We have around 280 urban development professionals working in 17 regional secretariats and offices, supporting cities and regions to become sustainable, low-carbon, resilient, ecomobile, biodiverse, resource-efficient and productive, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart urban infrastructure.

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